

Mitchell County Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan 2007-2017



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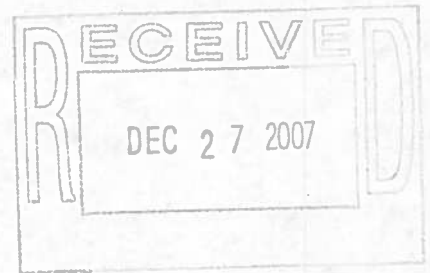


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1. CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Information

This is a multi-jurisdictional Consolidated Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan for the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, Sale City and Mitchell County. The plan is intended to meet the revised Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). It addresses the five core planning elements specified by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures, including:

- Waste Reduction
- Collection
- Disposal
- Land Limitation
- Education and Public Involvement

The plan also includes a waste disposal stream analysis and implementation schedule.

1.2 Purpose of the Plan

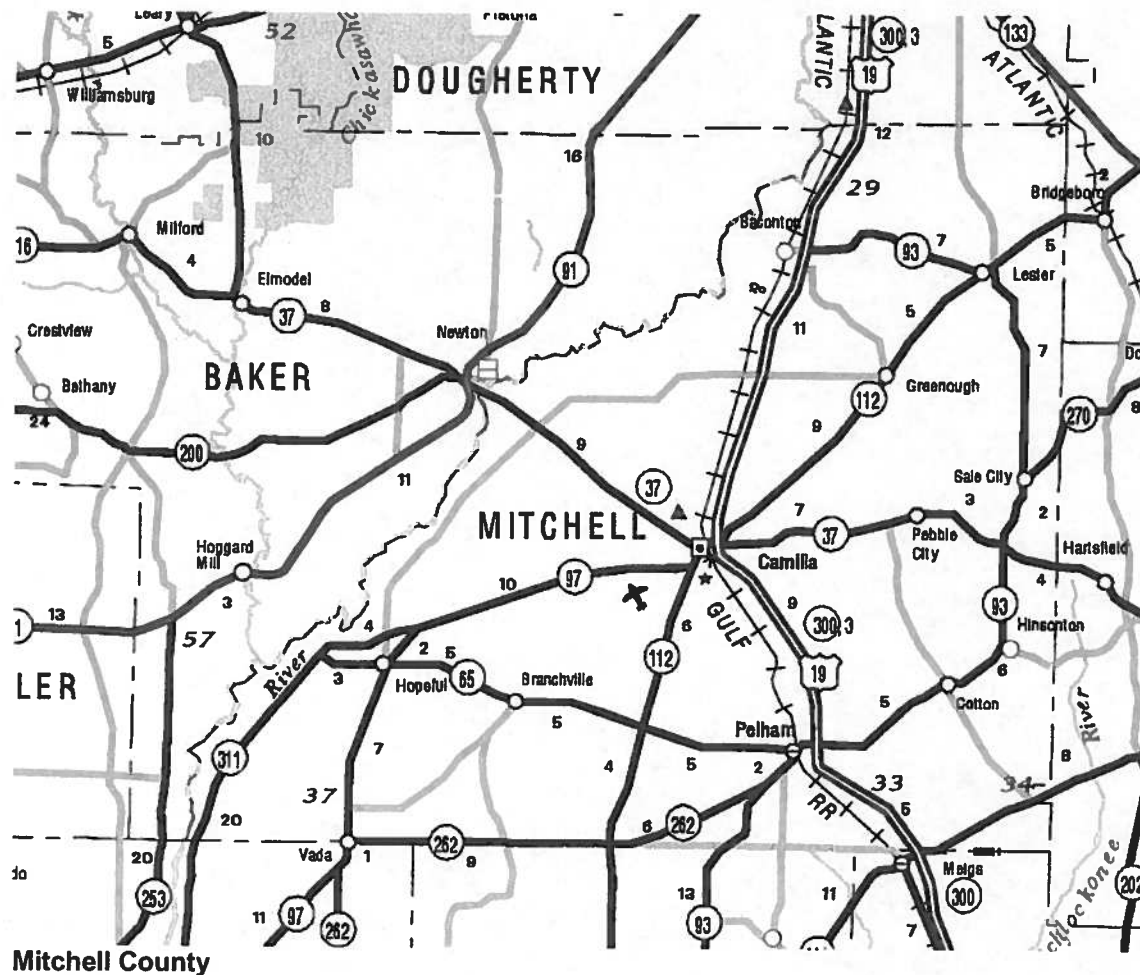
The purpose of this plan is to:

- Ensure that there are adequate collection systems in the county
- Inventory existing programs
- Identify needs and goals
- Ensure that solid waste management plans provide for 10 years of disposal capacity
- Provide for the protection of the environment
- Provide guidance to local governments
- Encourage the reduction, reuse and recycling of solid waste

Mitchell County is located in southwest Georgia with an area of 512 square miles. Mitchell County is predominantly rural and agricultural in character, with gently rolling terrain dotted with farms and wooded areas, and is home to 23,791 people living in 8,063 households according to the 2000 United States Census.

1.3 Physical Characteristics

Mitchell County's southern boundary is shared with Thomas, Grady and Decatur Counties and is located on the second tier of counties located north of the Florida border. Mitchell County is bordered in the east by Colquitt and Worth Counties, to the west by Baker County, and to the north by Dougherty County. Mitchell County is approximately 70 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico.



The topography of Mitchell County consists mainly of level or nearly level, to very gently sloping relief. The most prominent geological structure is the Pelham escarpment which runs southwest to northeast through the county. There are a number of wetland areas, found mainly in the floodplains along the Flint River which forms the western border of the county.

Camilla, the county seat, is the largest incorporated area within the county and has 5,669 people living in 1,994 households. The city of Pelham has 4,126 people in 1,467 households, the city of Baconton is the third largest city in the county with 804 people living in 289 households, and Sale City, the smallest city in the county has 319 people in 125 households.

1.4 Economic Activity

Based on the 2000 United States Census data, the table and graph below show the largest employers in the county by number and percent.



Employment Sector by Type

INDUSTRY	NUMBER	PERCENT
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	842	9.5
Construction	585	6.6
Manufacturing	1,643	18.5
Wholesale trade	364	4.1
Retail trade	920	10.4
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	564	6.3
Information	96	1.1
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	258	2.9
Professional, scientific, management and administrative	353	4.0
Educational, health and social services	1,607	18.1
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	502	5.7
Other services (except public administration)	485	5.5
Public administration	664	7.5

2. CHAPTER TWO

WASTE DISPOSAL STREAM ANALYSIS

2.1 Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to determine the amount and composition of solid waste generated within the county for the ten-year planning period.

2.2 Total Annual Tonnages

The following Waste Disposal Stream Analysis was completed using information from the United States Census and the state waste characterization study prepared in 2005 by private consulting firm R.W. Beck and provided by the DCA. Data were averaged from the South Georgia and the Lower Chattahoochee Regions to characterize the waste stream. A rounded extrapolation of this trend for the last few years until the present yields a value of 6.5 pounds per-person per-day, which was used to estimate the amount of waste disposed of in the County.

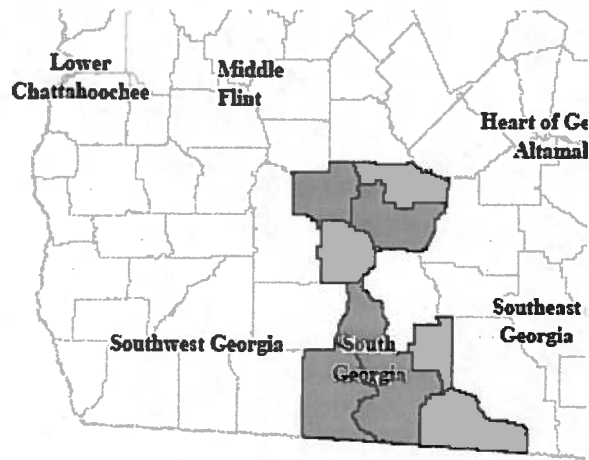
TOTAL ANNUAL TONNAGES

AREA	POPULATION	% OF TOTAL POPULATION	TOTAL TONNAGE
BACONTON	804	3%	954
CAMILLA	5,669	20%	6,725
PELHAM	4,126	15%	4,894
SALE CITY	319	1%	378
MITCHELL COUNTY UNINCORPORATED	12,873	46%	15,271
MITCHELL COUNTY TOTAL AREA	23,791	100%	28,222

2.3 Waste Stream Sampling

The Department of Community Affairs contracted with a private consulting firm, R.W. Beck, to complete the statewide waste characterization study, the results of which were shared publicly in August 2005. Due to budget constraints, a study for the southwest Georgia region was not conducted; therefore the waste stream analysis for this plan uses an average of data for the South Georgia region and the Lower Chattahoochee region.

The South Georgia Region includes Ben Hill, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, and Turner counties



The Lower Chattahoochee Region includes Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, and Talbot counties.



2.4 ESTIMATIONS OF MATERIALS GENERATED IN THE MUNICIPAL WASTE STREAM:

Material	Percent of Total	Tons Per Year
Paper and Paperboard	35%	10,346
Organic	28%	8,277
Plastic	16%	4,729
Construction/Demolition	9%	2,660
Metal	6%	1,774
Glass	4%	1,182
Inorganic	2%	591
Total	100%	29,559

(Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding)

Paper and paperboard, comprising 35% of the waste stream (10,346 tons), is the largest single component by a considerable margin. Efforts to reduce the per-capita contribution to the area's waste should concentrate on the reduction of paper in the waste stream and on encouraging residents to recycle paper. There is a huge market for paper in the State of Georgia's paper mills (15 of the state's mills use recycled fiber and 9 of the mills use 100% recycled fiber). For every ton of paper recycled, 17 trees are saved. Making paper from recycled fiber uses 80% less water, uses 65% less energy, and produces 95% less air pollution than making paper from virgin trees. It also saves three cubic yards of landfill space.

Organic, the second largest component, at 28% (8,277 tons), of the waste stream, is comprised of materials such as wood, food wastes, yard waste, diapers and textiles. Together, paper and organic represent nearly two-thirds of all waste. To decrease the amount of organic material in the waste stream, home composting of yard wastes by Mitchell County residents should be encouraged to help reduce this component.

The remaining one-third (approximately) of the waste stream is 16% (4,729 tons), plastic, 6% (1,774 tons) metal, 9% (2,660 tons), construction and demolition which includes lumber, drywall and roofing shingles, 4% (1,182 tons), glass, and 2% (591 tons), inorganic. Inorganic includes items such as tires, and electronics such as televisions and computers. Plastic is another valuable recyclable important to a significant Georgia industry. For instance, plastic beverage containers can be made into carpet. The carpet industry in Georgia is one of the State's largest employers and the largest end-user of recycled soda bottles in the nation.

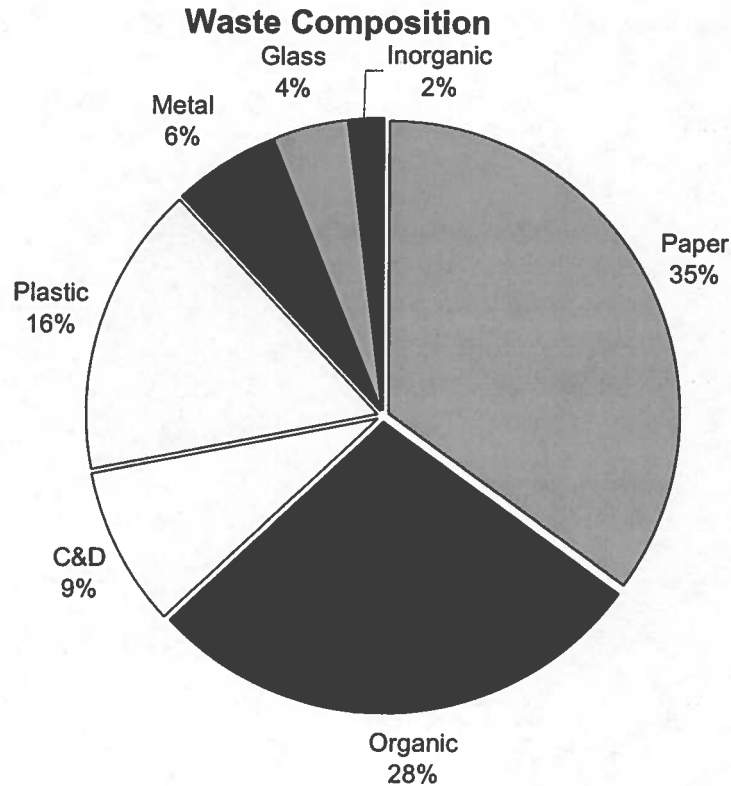
Georgians pay roughly 90 million dollars each year to discard recyclable materials that are worth about 250 million dollars to Georgia industries.

The following table shows the value of a few of the more easily recycled components of the waste stream in Mitchell County and their value. The Global Recycling Network (GRN) website <http://www.grn.com> provides updated prices for a wide variety of recyclables. Old newspaper and corrugated cardboard, the two types of paper most in demand by Georgia industries, are roughly 14% of the waste stream. The value of 14% was used to calculate the value of paper in the table below.

2.5 Value of Recyclable Waste Components (Annual)

Material	% of Waste Stream	Amount in Waste Stream	Unit Value	Value
Paper	14 %	4,138 tons	\$80/ton	\$331,040
Aluminum Cans	.85 %	251 tons	\$.63/pound	\$316,260
#1 Plastic	1.43 %	423 tons	\$.17/pound	\$143,820
#2 Plastic	1.1 %	325 tons	\$.19/pound	\$123,500

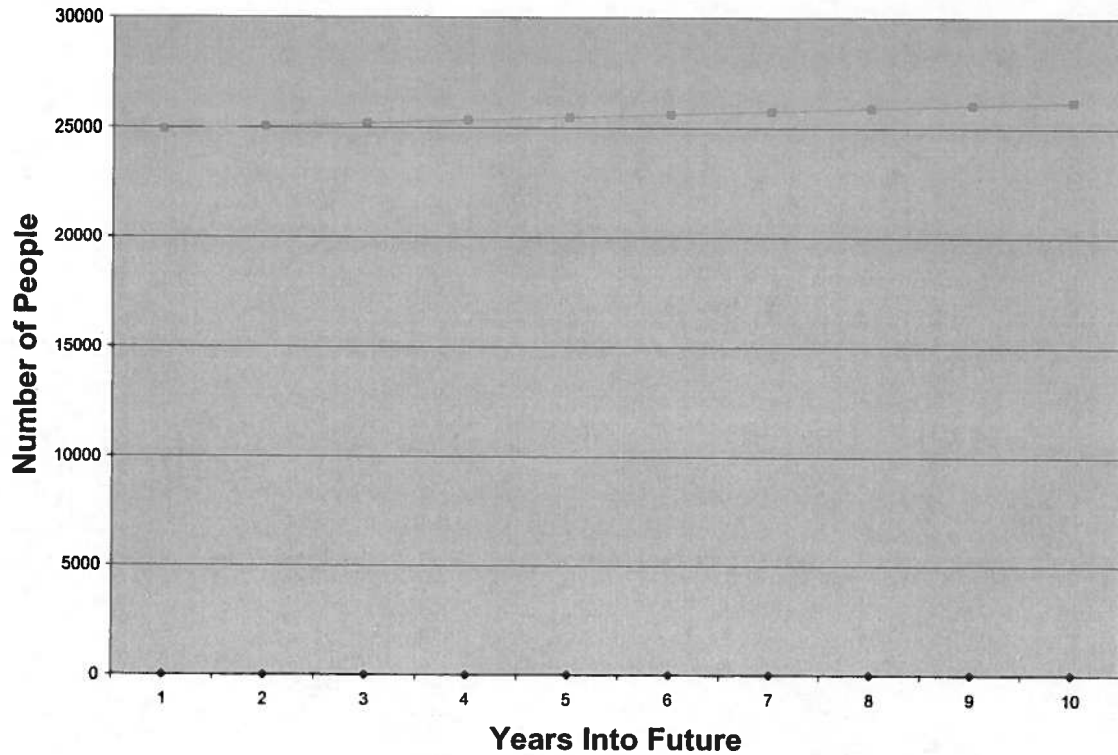
The value of the paper and beverage container portion of the waste stream in Mitchell County for one year is worth about \$914,620.



2.6 Projected Annual Tonnages

PROJECTED ANNUAL TONNAGES		
Year	Population	Annual Tonnage
2007	24,918 people	29,559
2008	25,059 people	29,726
2009	25,200 people	29,893
2010	25,341 people	30,061
2011	25,482 people	30,228
2012	25,623 people	30,395
2013	25,764 people	30,563
2014	25,905 people	30,730
2015	26,046 people	30,897
2016	26,187 people	31,064
2017	26,330 people	31,234

POPULATION INCREASE



Based on current population trends, the number of people living in Mitchell County, displayed in the table on page 10, and the graph above, is expected to increase to about 105% of its current population during the ten-year planning period. If the per-capita generation of solid waste remains at current levels, the overall amount of solid waste generated will increase by 1,675 tons by the year 2017. The above table shows an extrapolation of the current rate of growth and a proportional increase in waste disposal amounts based on current rates of disposal.

2.7 Generating Sectors of Residential and Commercial Municipal Solid Waste

The following breakdown uses state averages to compare the relative contribution of the waste stream between commercial and residential sectors.

The residential waste contains more of newspapers, magazines, and paperboard. Commercial waste contains more corrugated cardboard and office paper. Plastics appear in comparable amounts in both streams, with residential having a slightly higher amount of PET and HDPE. Glass, metals, organics, and inorganics also appear in similar amounts in all three streams.

<u>Paper</u>	Residential	Commercial
Newspaper	6.5%	3.2%
Corrugated Cardboard	6.0%	14.0%
Office	2.9%	4.2%
Magazine/Glossy	3.4%	1.9%
Paperboard	4.6%	2.4%
Mixed (Other Recyclable)	3.0%	2.7%
Other (Non-recyclable)	10.7%	10.9%
Total Paper	37.1%	39.3%

<u>Plastic</u>	Residential	Commercial
#1 PET Bottles	1.7%	1.2%
#2 HDPE Bottles	1.4%	0.9%
#3-#7 Bottles	0.3%	0.1%
Expanded Polystyrene	1.4%	1.4%
Film Plastic	7.4%	7.6%
Other Rigid Plastic	4.4%	4.3%
Total Plastic	16.6%	15.6%

<u>Glass</u>	Residential	Commercial
Clear	2.4%	1.4%
Green	0.5%	0.4%
Amber	1.4%	1.1%
Other	0.4%	0.4%
Total Glass	4.6%	3.2%

<u>Metal</u>	Residential	Commercial
Steel Cans	1.7%	1.1%
Aluminum Cans	0.9%	0.6%
Other Ferrous	1.7%	3.0%
Other Non-Ferrous	0.7%	0.8%
Total Metal	5.1%	5.5%

<u>Organics</u>	Residential	Commercial
Yard Waste	2.1%	3.0%
Wood (non-C&D)	1.4%	1.7%
Food Waste	13.4%	12.4%
Textiles	5.1%	3.7%
Diapers	3.6%	1.8%

Fines	3.0%	2.6%
Other Organics	1.3%	1.6%
Total Organic	29.8%	26.8%

<u>C&D</u>	Residential	Commercial
Drywall	0.3%	0.3%
Wood	1.3%	2.3%
Inerts	0.2%	0.6%
Carpet	1.1%	1.5%
Other C&D	1.0%	1.1%
Total C&D	3.9%	5.8%

<u>Inorganics</u>	Residential	Commercial
Televisions	0.0%	0.1%
Computers	0.0%	0.2%
Other Electronics	1.5%	2.0%
Tires	0.0%	0.3%
HHW	0.3%	0.5%
Other Inorganics	0.9%	0.7%
Total Inorganics	2.8%	3.9%

TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%
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3. CHAPTER THREE WASTE COLLECTION

3.1 Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to provide an inventory and assessment of existing solid waste collection systems to ensure the efficient and effective collection of solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste in Mitchell County for the ten-year planning period.

3.2 Inventory and Assessment of Existing Programs

Mitchell County

Mitchell County utilizes the services of Seminole Sanitation (P.O. Box 485 Camilla GA, 31730) for its waste collection needs. Residents and businesses may contract directly, on a subscription basis, with Seminole Sanitation. There are also five unstaffed drop off centers in the County, serviced weekly by Seminole Sanitation, to serve residents.

In the event significant amounts of vegetative storm debris are generated, the county will collect the material, free of charge, and haul to the closed County Landfill at 3889 Locast Road Pelham, GA 31779 (Phone: 229-294-0429). The landfill no longer accepts household wastes, although residents may dump yard wastes at the site. There are dumpsters available at the site also. The site is staffed.

Recyclable Materials

County residents may use Southeastern Aluminum Recycling Inc. at 122 North Broadway Street, Albany, GA 31705 (229) 888-1713, or Albany Recycling Services Inc. 301 E Gordon Avenue Albany, GA 31705 (229) 432-6255 to recycle aluminum beverage containers, plastic beverage containers and paper.

County residents may also use the Mitchell-Baker Service Center at 65 Industrial Blvd. Camilla, GA (229) 336-7977 to recycle cardboard, plastic and aluminum.

For a \$10 fee Seminole Sanitation Services will collect white goods from residents.

No other recycling is available in the county.

City of Baconton

The city of Baconton utilizes the services of Seminole Sanitation (P.O. Box 485 Camilla GA, 31730) for its waste collection needs. Residents and businesses may contract directly, on a subscription basis, with Seminole Sanitation.

The closest recycling opportunities for city residents are Southeastern Aluminum Recycling Inc. at 122 North Broadway Street, Albany, GA 31705

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City of Camilla

The city of Camilla has contracted with Seminole Sanitation Services for their waste disposal. Residents are offered once-a-week curbside collection. Residents dispose of their wastes in 90-gallon roll out containers; businesses are serviced through dumpsters of various sizes.

Recyclable Materials

The Mitchell-Baker Service Center collects cardboard from many of the businesses in Camilla. The Center is funded by Medicaid and State grants, and collected 165 tons of cardboard, 14 tons of newspaper, and 47 tons of office-white paper in 2006. Bins are placed at businesses for the collection of cardboard, and are emptied twice a week by a team of special needs folks who load it into a compacting trailer and haul it back to the Mitchell-Baker Service Center where it is baled and sold. The Center also accepts cardboard, plastic and aluminum.

For a \$10 fee Seminole Sanitation Services will collect white goods from residents.

City of Pelham

The city of Pelham has contracted with the city of Thomasville for their waste disposal. Residents are offered once-a-week curbside collection. Residents dispose of their wastes in 90-gallon roll out containers; businesses are serviced through dumpsters of various sizes.

Recyclable Materials

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For a \$10 fee Seminole Sanitation Services will collect white goods from residents.

City of Sale City

The city of Sale City has contracted with Seminole Sanitation Services for their waste disposal. Residents are offered once-a-week curbside collection. Residents dispose of their wastes in 90-gallon roll out containers; businesses are serviced through dumpsters of various sizes.

Recyclable Materials

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3.3 Illegal Dumping and Littering**Mitchell County**

There are several rural roads in the county where dumping occurs. "No Dumping" signs were erected but the areas continue to collect illegally dumped refuse. The Department of Public Works periodically cleans up illegal dump sites.

Littering is prohibited by ordinance, but enforcement is difficult and violators are only infrequently cited.

The Georgia Department of Transportation collects trash along state highways in Mitchell County.

Prisoner labor is used by the county to collect roadside trash.

City of Baconton

There are no areas within the city where concentrated illegal dumping occurs.

City of Camilla

Illegal dumping continues to be a problem in the city of Camilla, and enforcement of the nuisance ordinance is difficult due to limited staffing.

Prisoner labor is used by the county to collect roadside trash.

The city hosts an annual clean up in each spring.

Several volunteer organizations in Camilla pick up trash.

The Chamber of Commerce has an environmental quality committee that helps enforce the nuisance ordinance.

City of Sale City

The city of Sale City uses city Department of Public Works personnel to periodically remove roadside trash that accumulates, but does not have a problem with concentrated dumping within the city limits.

Prisoner labor is used by the county to collect roadside trash.

City of Pelham

The city of Pelham uses city Department of Public Works personnel to periodically remove roadside trash that accumulates, but does not have a problem with concentrated dumping within the city limits.

Signage in the city reminds citizens of the penalties for littering.

The city Code Enforcement Officer helps enforce anti-littering ordinances.

Prisoner labor is used by the county to collect roadside trash.

A citizens group in Pelham is active in anti-littering and clean-up activities.

3.4 Needs and Goals of Current Programs

Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City wish to ensure the efficient and effective collection of solid waste and recyclable materials over the ten-year planning period, to continue to encourage solid waste reduction through education and recycling, and to make modifications if necessary to the existing collection practices to minimize the amount of waste disposed.

The cities and county will continue with their current collection practices for the foreseeable future.

Pending available funding, the city of Pelham would prefer to have a separate Code Enforcement Officer. Currently those duties are performed by Zoning and Building Code Inspector.

The city of Camilla hopes to start recycling at the farmers market.

The city of Pelham will consider requiring enclosures around dumpsters to enhance aesthetics, and to help minimize trash blowing around.

3.5 Contingency Strategy

The following section describes how Mitchell County and the cities of Camilla, Baconton, Pelham and Sale City will deal with interruptions and/or increased demand upon their solid waste collection services due to major storms or human-caused disasters. There are a number of potential hazards that could generate significant amounts of waste in Mitchell County.

- Hurricanes have the potential to inflict significant wind damage over a widespread area and may create large amounts of waste material.
- Tornadoes, although more localized than a hurricane, can generate higher wind speeds and may generate significant amounts of debris, especially over urban areas.
- Flooding is a possible hazard along stream corridors in Mitchell County. Hurricanes and tropical depressions, over a period of several days, have the potential to release up to six months of average rainfall over an area.

The resultant flooding may generate significant amounts of debris. Mitchell County has a number of streams and rivers that could flood, but most are in rural and agricultural areas so their potential to generate waste is limited.

Disasters, both natural and human-caused, could potentially disrupt the collection of solid wastes.

- There are several secondary rail corridors that run through the county. There are 44 grade crossings in the County but fortunately many are not near the major automotive corridor through Mitchell County, Highway 19. Train derailments at grade crossings, especially if the release of hazardous materials is involved, could interrupt the collection of solid wastes.

Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City have public works vehicles, equipment, and personnel that would be utilized initially to remove debris generated by a disaster. An assessment by local government leadership of the scope of damage would quickly determine whether or not local government resources are sufficient for the clean-up. Assistance from the local haulers listed in the appendix would be solicited, within one week of the disaster and bypassing the normal procurement process, if it is determined additional clean up help is needed.

Contingency plans would be activated if it becomes clear that the health, safety and public welfare are potentially jeopardized by the debris. The timely removal of animal carcasses and other pathogenic materials will be considered a top priority. Activation of the contingency plan would occur not more than one week after a disaster.

Communication to residents will be through television, radio and newspapers if the infrastructure for such methods is sufficiently unscathed by the disaster. Emergency signage and door-to-door visits could be used to convey vital information to residents if the communications infrastructure is destroyed.

Several staging areas were identified for the temporary storage of debris. The old County Landfill and large parking lot at the stadium are two areas that were identified. In outlying areas, as it has been done in the past, private landowners would be contacted for permission to use their land as staging areas. It is expected that the bulk of the waste material collected will be vegetative. Vegetative and other burnable materials will be stacked in anticipation of an issuance of a burn permit from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

In the event the City of Thomasville Landfill is overwhelmed by significant amounts of waste, there are a number of backup landfills that could be used. From Camilla, the Decatur County Landfill south of Attapulgus is roughly 60 miles away, the landfill in Cambellton, Florida is about 85 miles away, the Taylor County landfill near Mauk, Georgia is about 104 miles away, the

Donaldsonville Transfer Station is about 52 miles away, the Pecan Row Landfill near Valdosta is roughly 69 miles away, and the City of Cairo Landfill is about 30 miles away.

The Mitchell County Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide assistance to local governments in times of emergency and the contact information for those agencies is provided below.

The Mitchell County Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) director is Anne K. Lamb. Phone number: 229-336-2072 Agency address: 4767 Highway 37 Camilla, Georgia 31730. Email: Mitchell@gema.state.ga.us

The Federal Region Center (FRC), of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is located in Thomasville, Georgia (Contact: Gene Davis, Thomasville, GA., (912)226-1761, Ext. 207/343) operates a system of state liaisons to provide assistance and quick response to state/local emergencies.

4. CHAPTER FOUR WASTE REDUCTION

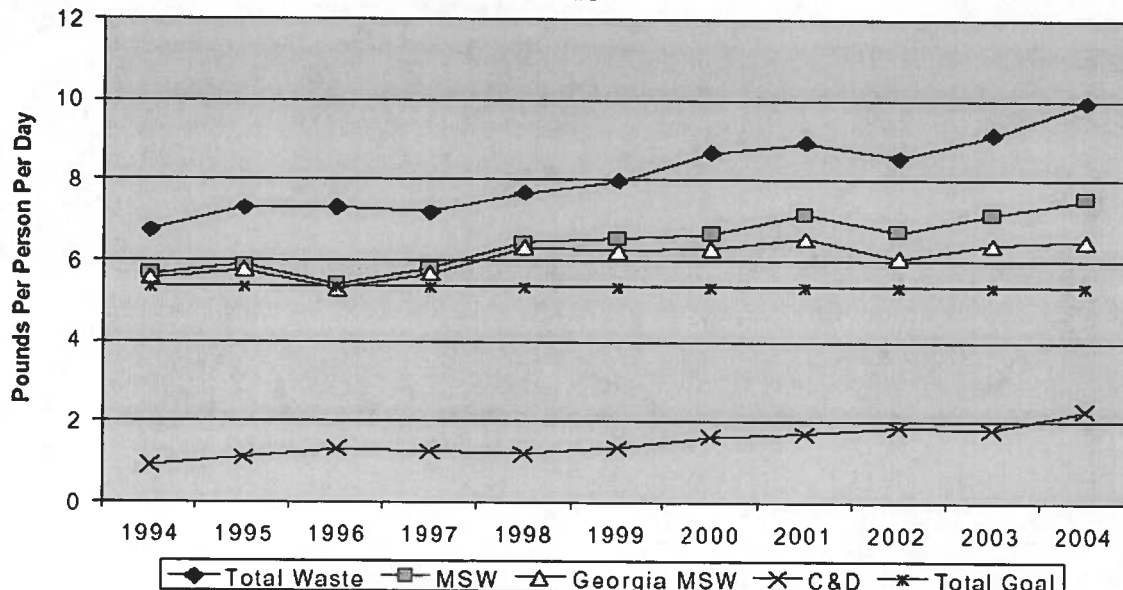
4.1 Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that programs are in effect to reduce the per-capita production of municipal solid waste. The following is a brief summary of reduction programs for the county and each of the municipalities.

4.2 State Goals and Trends

The graph below indicates increases in per-capita disposal amounts of all categories of waste in Georgia. Although not a state mandate, the flat line labeled "Total Goal" shows the amount of waste that should not be exceeded for a 25% reduction goal to be met. The graph shows rates have been increasing, moving farther away from that reduction goal.

PER-CAPITA DAILY WASTE DISPOSAL



4.3 Inventory and Assessment of Existing Programs

Mitchell County, City of Baconton, City of Camilla, City of Pelham, City of Sale City

For a \$10 fee, Seminole Sanitation Services will collect white goods from residents.

Residents may drop off newspaper, magazines, plastic beverage containers and aluminum at the Mitchell-Baker Service Center.

The county accepts yard wastes at the old county landfill. The open piles of yard debris are allowed to decompose aerobically.

There are currently litter control ordinances in place in Mitchell County and the municipalities.

The cities provide DCA brochures on waste reduction and recycling to the public at City Halls.

4.5 Needs and Goals of Current Programs

Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City wish to do their part in helping the State achieve a per-capita waste reduction. Needs and goals for the county include the following:

Compliance with all state and federal laws.

Work with community schools to educate citizens on the need to reuse and recycle products.

Continue to work with community leaders to promote the "Keep Georgia Beautiful" program.

Encourage home composting in cooperation with the County Extension Office.

Expand the number of businesses that recycle.

Encourage the scrap tire recycling program.

Through the activities listed above, the Mitchell Counties and the cities hope to achieve the per-capita disposal rates shown in the table below.

YEAR	POPULATION	TOTAL WASTE (tons)	PER CAPITA DISPOSAL RATES
2007	24,918 people	29,559	6.50 pounds per person/day
2008	25,059 people	29,559	6.46 pounds per person/day
2009	25,200 people	29,559	6.42 pounds per person/day
2010	25,341 people	29,559	6.39 pounds per person/day
2011	25,482 people	29,559	6.25 pounds per person/day
2012	25,623 people	29,559	6.21 pounds per person/day
2013	25,764 people	29,559	6.17 pounds per person/day
2014	25,905 people	29,559	6.14 pounds per person/day
2015	26,046 people	29,559	6.10 pounds per person/day
2016	26,187 people	29,559	6.06 pounds per person/day
2017	26,330 people	29,559	6.02 pounds per person/day
This table shows how the per- capita disposal could rates drop each year if the total amount of waste disposed could be held constant as the population increases.			

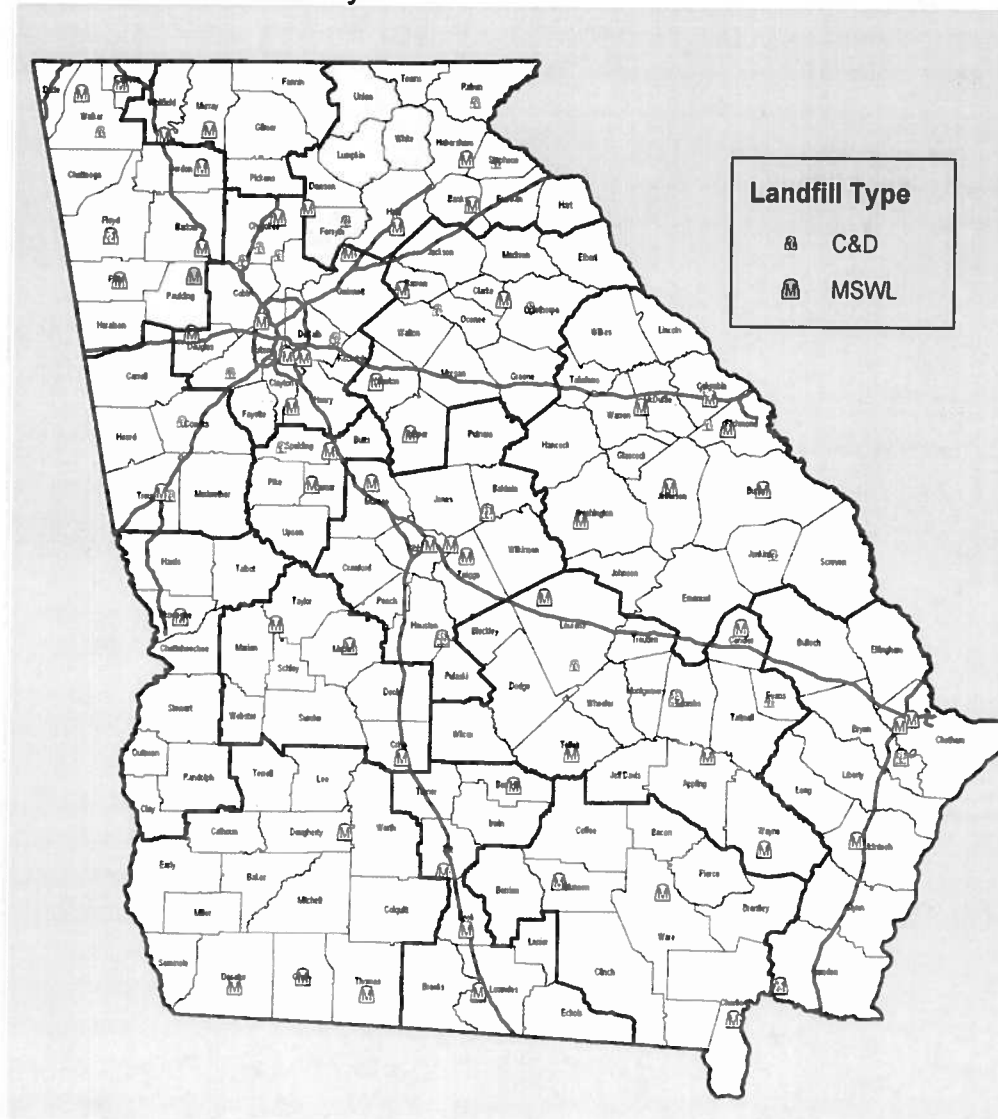
5. CHAPTER FIVE DISPOSAL

5.1 Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to identify the types of disposal facilities in the planning area and to provide assurance that the facilities are adequate for the ten-year planning period.

5.2 Inventory and Assessment

Seminole Sanitation Services and the city of Thomasville haul all municipal solid wastes collected in the county and cities to the Thomasville Landfill. Georgia landfills are shown on the map below. There are no solid waste facilities in Mitchell County.

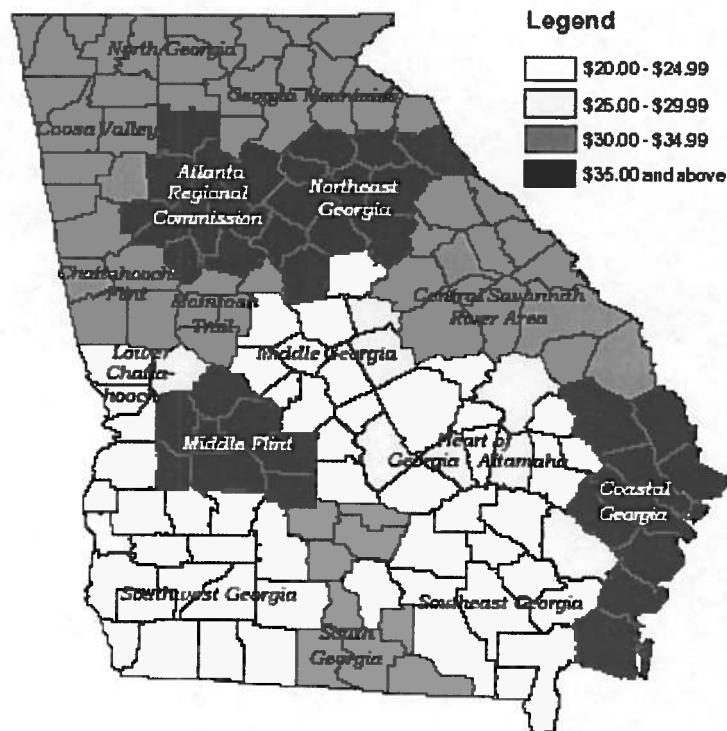


Source: *State of Georgia Solid Waste Management Plan*

5.3 State Tipping Fees

Tipping fees in southwest Georgia, shown in the illustration below, are the lowest in the state, averaging less than \$25 per ton in 2004. Such low fees do not encourage a reduction in disposal rates.

2004 GEORGIA LANDFILL TIPPING FEES



Source: *State of Georgia Solid Waste Management Plan*

5.4 Needs and Goals

Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City will ensure the sufficient disposal capacity to handle all wastes disposed from the county for the next ten years and beyond.

Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City are generally satisfied with their current contracts and expect to continue to dispose of all solid wastes at the Thomasville Landfill through the next ten year planning period.

5.5 Contingency Strategy

In the event the Thomasville Landfill becomes inoperable, there are a number of backup landfills that could be used. From Camilla, the Decatur County Landfill south of Attapulgus is roughly 56 miles away, the landfill in Cambellton, Florida is about 85 miles away, the Taylor County landfill near Mauk, Georgia is about 104 miles away, the Donaldsonville Transfer Station is about 51 miles away, and the Pecan Row Landfill near Valdosta is roughly 70 miles away.

Activation of the contingency plan would occur not more than one week after a disaster. Communication to residents will be through television, radio and newspapers if the infrastructure for such methods is sufficiently unscathed by the disaster. Emergency signage and door-to-door visits could be used to convey vital information to residents if the communications infrastructure is destroyed.

6. CHAPTER SIX LAND LIMITATION

6.1 Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to indicate areas in Mitchell County which are not suitable for solid waste facilities based on environmental limitations or land use and zoning restrictions. Environmental factors include floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, steep slopes, water supply watersheds and unstable areas which are susceptible to seismic disturbances. Land use and zoning restrictions apply to developed areas, National Historic Sites, airports and jurisdictional boundaries. See land limitation map in appendix.

6.2 Basic Limitations for the Siting of Solid Waste Handling Facilities

Specifically, the following Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules outline basic limitations for the siting of solid waste handling facilities:

6.2.1 Natural Environmental Limitations:

Water supply watersheds: DNR Rule 391-3-16-.01(7)(c)1 requires that at any location within a small water supply watershed, new solid waste landfills must have synthetic liners and leachate collection systems.

Groundwater Recharge Areas: DNR Rule 391-3-16-.02(3)(a) requires that in significant groundwater recharge areas, DNR shall not issue permits for new solid waste landfills not having synthetic liners and leachate collection systems.

Wetlands: DNR Rule 391-3-16-.03(3)(e) establishes that solid waste landfills may constitute an unacceptable use of a wetland.

River Corridors: DNR Rule 391-3-16-.04(4)(h) prohibits the development of new solid waste landfills within protected river corridors. Mitchell County has a significant river corridor (the Flint River) and its associated wetlands that are unsuitable for the siting of a landfill.

Protected Mountains: DNR Rule 391-3-16-.05(4)(l) prohibits the development of new solid waste landfills in areas designated as protected mountains.

Pelham Escarpment: The Pelham Escarpment, because of its relatively steep slopes, would be an inappropriate site for a solid waste facility.

6.2.2 Criteria for siting: The following items are criteria for siting solid waste facilities under DNR Rules. Local governments preparing plans should consult with DNR for the most current applicable rules.

Zoning: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(a) requires that the site must conform to all local zoning/land use ordinances, and that written verification of such be submitted to EPD.

Airport safety: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(c) requires that new solid waste landfill units or lateral expansions of existing units shall not be within 10,000 feet of any public use or private use airport runway end used by turbojet aircraft or within 5,000 feet of any public use or private use airport runway end used by only piston type aircraft.

Flood Plains: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(d) stipulates that any solid waste landfill located in the 100-year flood plain shall not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, or result in a washout of solid waste so as to pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Wetlands: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(e) prohibits the development of solid waste landfills in wetlands, as defined by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided by the applicant to EPD that use of such wetlands has been permitted or otherwise authorized under all other applicable state and federal laws and rules. Mitchell County has a significant river corridor (the Flint River) and its associated wetlands that would be unsuitable for the siting of a landfill.

Fault areas: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(f) requires that new landfill units and lateral expansions of existing landfills shall not be located within 200 feet of a fault that has had displacement in the Holocene Epoch unless the owner or operator demonstrates to EPD that an alternative setback distance of less than 200 feet will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the landfill unit and will be protective of human health and the environment.

Seismic impact zones: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(g) prohibits the development of new landfill units and lateral expansions in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates to EPD that all containment structures, including liners, leachate collection systems, and surface water control systems are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site.

Unstable areas: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(h) requires owners or operators of new landfill units, existing landfill units, and lateral expansions located in unstable areas to demonstrate that engineering measures have been incorporated in the landfill unit's design to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the landfill unit will not be disrupted.

Significant groundwater recharge areas: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(j) requires new solid waste landfills or expansions of existing facilities within two miles of significant groundwater recharge areas to have liners and leachate collection systems, with the exception of facilities accepting waste generated from outside the county in which the facility is located. In that case, the facility must be totally outside of any area designated as a significant groundwater recharge area.

"Hazardous wastes," as that term is defined by O.C.G.A. §12-8-62(10), as may be amended from time to time, are prohibited.

6.2.3 Required applicant actions relating to landfill siting

Applicants should always check with DNR and the local planning jurisdiction to verify procedures for siting solid waste management facilities that include but are not limited to the following:

Disposal facility siting decision: DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05(1)(b) requires that whenever any applicant begins a process to select a site for a solid waste disposal facility, documentation demonstrating compliance with O.C.G.A. § 12-

8-26(a) be submitted to EPD; further, whenever any applicant takes action resulting in a siting decision for a publicly or privately owned solid waste disposal facility, documentation demonstrating compliance with O.C.G.A. § 12-8-26(b) be submitted to EPD.

Once a site has been selected, the applicant must conduct a Hydrological Assessment in accordance with the provisions of DNR Rule 391-3-4- 23 .05(1)(k). Preparation of the land limitation element of a solid waste management plan should comply with the Solid Waste Management Act and the Rules of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 391-3-4) relating to historic sites, airports, jurisdictional boundaries, access, etc. These documents should be consulted for specifics on land limitations and siting of solid waste management facilities.

If an applicant undertakes the Facilities Issues Negotiation Process pursuant to a facility siting decision, the process will be undertaken in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 12-8-32 and any guidelines issued by the Department pursuant to State law.

6.3 Written Statement of Consistency

In addition to compliance with the above rules, companies wishing to site a solid waste facility shall submit to the local governing body at least 60 days prior to filing a solid waste permit a "Written Statement of Consistency" that documents general information and how the solid waste facility will impact the community in the following areas:

- What the effect will be on local traffic surrounding the facility
- How the proposed facility will help the county contribute to the state's waste diversion goals
- What efforts will be made to visually screen the facility
- What efforts will be made to control litter and offensive odors produced by the site
- When the hours of operation will be
- The anticipated impact the proposed facility will have upon adequate collection and disposal capability within the planning area
- Types of wastes accepted or rejected
- Geographic area the site will serve
- Target tip fee or cost of operation
- Maximum haul distance
- Minimum and possibly maximum site operating life
- Profile of potential site users
- Whether the proposed facility or facility expansion negatively impacts the county's ability to contribute to the state's waste reduction goal
- Whether the proposed facility or facility expansion is sited in a location that is consistent with local zoning ordinances
- Whether the proposed facility or facility expansion negatively impacts natural or cultural resources of the county

- What the anticipated impact is upon current solid waste management facilities

Adjacent property owners to the proposed site shall be notified by mail at the time the written statement of consistency is submitted, and an advertisement run in the local newspaper(s) briefly describing the proposed project and where and when the public meeting will be held.

6.4 Host Fee

The host fee paid to the local government shall be negotiable, but shall be no less than \$2 per ton. A trust fund shall be established at a bank within the county chosen by the Board of County Commissioners, into which the operator shall pay \$1.00 per ton of waste disposed into this facility for the operational life of the landfill. Expenditures from the trust fund are to be approved by a committee consisting of one citizen appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and one representative of the owner/operator. Funds may be used without limitation, for off-site litter control, groundwater and surface water monitoring, provision of alternate water supplies in the event of ground-water contamination, to support waste reduction and recycling efforts in the county, and for payments to adjacent property owners and others, at the discretion of the committee, for damages caused as a result of the landfill or its related operations. The trust fund shall exist and earn interest for 20 years following the expiration of the post-closure period, and at that time the remaining funds, if any, shall be paid to the owner/operator or its successors or assigns.

6.5 Needs and Goals

Mitchell County will ensure that proposed solid waste handling facilities and expansions will meet the needs of the County, will be compatible with surrounding land uses, will not be sited in areas which have been identified as having land use limitations, are consistent with this plan and all Mitchell County ordinances, and will meet federal, state and local requirements. Additionally, Mitchell County will keep updated and make available to developers all relevant information about natural limitations, zoning, and land use.

7. CHAPTER SEVEN EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

7.1 Purpose of the Chapter

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the existing environmental education programs in Mitchell County, Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City to reduce waste.

It is important to educate the public on the importance of source reduction, recycling, composting and proper disposal of solid waste. The county and cities should continue to partner with local organizations to ensure that programs are recognized each year.

7.2 Inventory and Assessment of Existing Programs

Cities and county have litter control ordinances in place.

Signage in the county reminds citizens not to litter and the penalties for littering.

Camilla hosts an annual clean up in each spring.

Several volunteer organizations in Camilla pick up trash.

The Chamber of Commerce has an environmental quality committee that helps enforce the nuisance ordinance.

A citizens group in Pelham is active in anti-littering and clean-up activities.

There are no Keep Georgia Beautiful affiliate programs in the planning area.

7.3 Programs and Agencies Available to Local Governments

Although the County and Cities currently have no formal waste reduction education programs in place, there are a number of free and easily accessible DCA resources available to the public including:

- DCA Georgia Recycling Market Directory- enables the user to search by material, company name, county, or other variables to find out information about companies and agencies that accept recyclables.
- The brochure *Composting at Home in Georgia*.
- The *Special Events Recycling Guide* is a how-to publication describing waste diversion at large public events.
- The Agricultural Pollution Prevention Program educates and provides technical assistance to farmers in best management practices (BMPs) and sustainable practices.

7.4 Needs and Goals

Objectives for educating the public on the importance of source reduction, recycling, composting and proper disposal of solid waste may include the following:

- Developing a solid waste curriculum for the Mitchell County School System utilizing DCA solid waste educational materials.
- Educate the public on the costs of solid waste collection and disposal.
- Educate the public on available resources provided by the state.

8. CHAPTER EIGHT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES

COLLECTION	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Mitchell County														
Continue to allow residents and businesses to contract directly private hauler for collection of residential roll out containers, and commercial dumpsters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individual	None	n/a
Rely on private recyclers for collection of aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individual	None	n/a
Encourage solid waste reduction through education and recycling, and to make modifications if necessary to the existing collection practices to minimize the amount of waste disposed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Continue to enforce the Litter Control Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
City of Baconton														
Continue to contract to private hauler for collection of residential roll out containers, and commercial dumpsters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$40,000/yr	FEES
Rely on private recyclers for collection of aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individual	None	n/a
Continue to encourage solid waste reduction through education and recycling, and to make modifications if necessary to the existing collection practices to minimize the amount of waste disposed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Continue to enforce the Litter Control Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
City of Camilla														
Continue to contract to private hauler for collection of residential roll out containers, and commercial dumpsters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$279,000/yr	FEES
Rely on private recyclers for collection of aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individual	None	n/a
Continue to encourage solid waste reduction through education and recycling, and to make modifications if necessary to the existing collection practices to minimize the amount of waste disposed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Continue to enforce the Litter Control Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Start recycling at the farmers market	X	X										City	None	n/a
City of Pelham														
Continue to contract to private hauler for collection of residential roll out containers, and commercial dumpsters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$200,000/yr	FEES
Rely on private recyclers for collection of aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individual	None	n/a
Continue to encourage solid waste reduction through education and recycling, and to make modifications if necessary to the existing collection practices to minimize the amount of waste disposed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Continue to enforce the Litter Control Ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Consider requiring enclosures around dumpsters	X	X												
City of Sale City														
Continue to contract to private hauler for collection of residential roll out containers, and commercial dumpsters	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$17,500/yr	FEES
Rely on private recyclers for collection of aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individual	None	n/a
Continue to encourage solid waste reduction through education and recycling, and to make modifications if necessary to the existing collection practices to minimize the amount of waste disposed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a

DISPOSAL SERVICES	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Mitchell County														
Continue to allow residents to contract with private waste contractor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	NONE	n/a
City of Baconton														
Periodically review their waste contracts to ensure services continue to be met	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	NONE	n/a
Continue to contract with private waste contractor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	(Included with Collection Fees)	FEES
City of Camilla														
Periodically review their waste contracts to ensure services continue to be met	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	NONE	n/a
Continue to contract with private waste contractor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	(Included with Collection Fees)	FEES
City of Pelham														
Periodically review their waste contracts to ensure services continue to be met	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	NONE	n/a
Continue to contract with private waste contractor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	(Included with Collection Fees)	FEES
City of Sale City														
Periodically review their waste contracts to ensure services continue to be met	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	NONE	n/a
Continue to contract with private waste contractor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	(Included with Collection Fees)	FEES

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT		FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Mitchell County															
Educate public by providing DCA educational materials on composting and recycling methods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$50	GF
Promote waste reduction and recycling education in Mitchell County Schools	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Maintain and expand anti-littering signage within the County	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$200/sign	GF
Develop solid waste curriculum for the Mitchell County School System utilizing DCA solid waste educational materials.	X	X											County	None	School Department
Educate the public on the costs of solid waste collection and disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
City of Baconton															
Educate public by providing DCA educational materials on composting and recycling methods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$50/city	GF
Educate the public on the costs of solid waste collection and disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
City of Camilla															
Educate public by providing DCA educational materials on composting and recycling methods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$50	GF
Continue to host annual Spring clean up	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Support the efforts of volunteer organizations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Support the efforts of Chamber of Commerce Environmental Quality Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Educate the public on the costs of solid waste collection and disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
City of Pelham															
Educate public by providing DCA educational materials on composting and recycling methods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$50/city	GF
Support the efforts of Chamber of Commerce Environmental Quality Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Educate the public on the costs of solid waste collection and disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
City of Sale City															
Educate public by providing DCA educational materials on composting and recycling methods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$50/city	GF
Support the efforts of Chamber of Commerce Environmental Quality Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Educate the public on the costs of solid waste collection and disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a

LAND LIMITATION	FY'07	FY'08	FY'09	FY'10	FY'11	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Mitchell County, Camilla, Pelham, Sale City, and Baconton														
Ensure that existing Land Limitation map reflects all criteria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Mitchell County will ensure that potential siting of solid waste facilities are not on areas with environmental limitations or where land use and zoning restrictions prohibit landfill siting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Mitchell County will require that applicants wishing to cite a landfill must conduct a Hydrological Assessment in accordance with the provisions of DNR Rule 391-3-4-23.05(1)(k).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Mitchell County will require that if an applicant undertakes the Facilities Issues Negotiation Process pursuant to a facility siting decision, the process will be undertaken in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 12-8-32 and any guidelines issued by the Department pursuant to State law.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Mitchell County will require that companies wishing to site a solid waste facility shall submit to the local governing body at least 60 days prior to filing a solid waste permit a "Written Statement of Consistency" that documents general information and how the solid waste facility will impact the community	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Mitchell County will require that a host fee paid to the local government no less than \$2 per ton.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a

WASTE REDUCTION		FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source
Mitchell County															
Support efforts of private aluminum recyclers and voluntary recyclers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Support efforts of the Mitchell Baker County Service Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Comply with all State and Federal laws	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Establish a drop off center at the County Landfill for additional types of recyclables		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Work with community schools to educate citizens on the need to reuse and recycle products	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Encourage the scrap tire recycling program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Educate the public on available resources provided by the State	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
City of Baconton															
Support efforts of private aluminum recyclers and voluntary recyclers	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individuals	None	n/a
Comply with all State and Federal laws	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Educate the public on available resources provided by the State	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
Encourage the scrap tire recycling program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County	None	n/a
City of Camilla															
Support efforts of private aluminum recyclers and voluntary recyclers	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individuals	None	n/a
Comply with all State and Federal laws	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Encourage the scrap tire recycling program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
City of Pelham															
Support efforts of private aluminum recyclers and voluntary recyclers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individuals	None	n/a
Comply with all State and Federal laws	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Encourage the scrap tire recycling program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
City of Sale City															
Support efforts of private aluminum recyclers and voluntary recyclers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Individuals	None	n/a
Comply with all State and Federal laws	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a
Encourage the scrap tire recycling program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	City	None	n/a

LAND LIMITATION MAP

The Land Limitation Map depicts the geographic suitability of land within the county for the purpose of siting a solid waste handling facility.

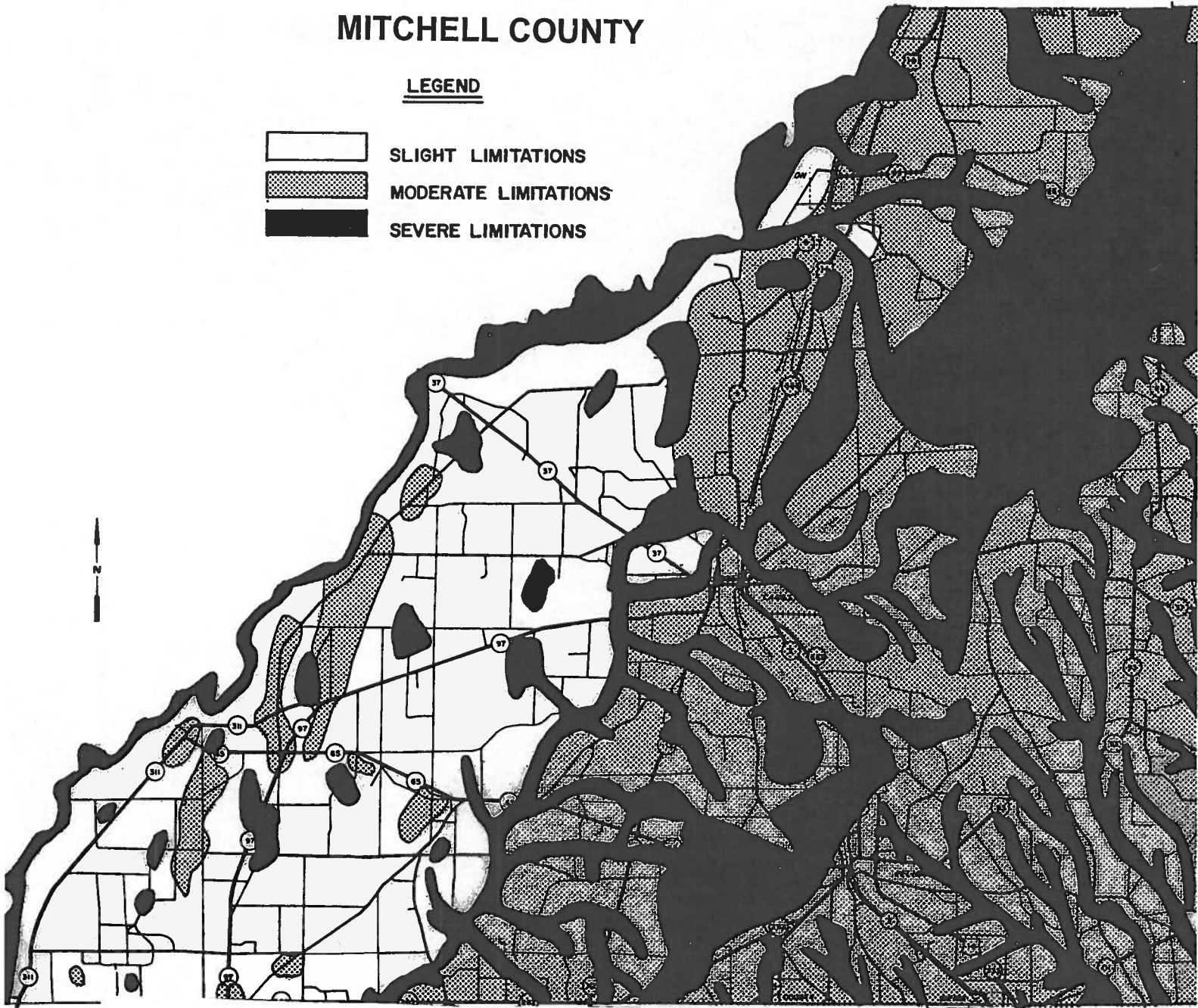
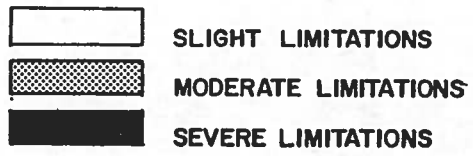
In the areas designated **SEVERE LIMITATIONS**, generally the soil is too porous, the relief too steep, the proximity to a waterway too close, or typically some combination of these factors. These areas are not suitable for siting a waste handling facility.

In the areas designated **MODERATE LIMITATIONS**, generally at least one of the above variables, often soil type, makes the area somewhat unsuitable for siting a waste handling facility.

In the areas designated **SLIGHT LIMITATIONS**, the soil type, relief, proximity to streams, might allow the siting of a waste handling facility.

MITCHELL COUNTY

LEGEND



LAND LIMITATION MAP



LIST OF ADDITIONAL HAULERS

Additional Local Haulers

Veolia (Formerly Onyx Waste Services)

5727 Newton Road
Albany GA 31707
Phone: (229) 639-2814

Veolia (Formerly Allied)

1515 Pecan Lane
Albany, GA 31707
800-404-2951
229-432-5311

Seminole Sanitation Service Inc.

4433 Skyline Drive
Camilla, GA 31730
229-336-8400

Trans Waste Services

411 Roosevelt Ave.
Albany, GA 31702
229-888-5200

CAPACITY ASSURANCE LETTER

City of Thomasville

Office of City Engineer

**P.O. Box 1540
Thomasville, Georgia 31799-1540**

**Phone (229) 227-7009
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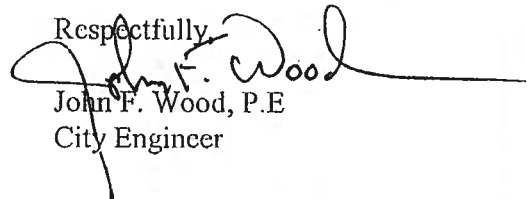
November 28, 2006

Benjamin Hayward
Mitchell County Commission Chairman
P.O. Box 572
Camilla, GA 31730

Dear Mr. Hayward,

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City from 2007 to 2017. The Georgia EPD permit number for this facility as issued to the City of Thomasville is 136-012D(SL)(4). This assurance is based upon Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City disposing of approximately 31,234 tons of waste at this facility on an annual basis. The value of 31,234 tons per year is an average of expected disposal amounts over the planning period. The Thomas County-Thomasville Municipal Solid Waste Landfill has sufficient remaining capacity and additional cells currently being permitted to allow for normal tonnage increase over the next 20 years as such might occur.

We thank Mitchell County and the cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham and Sale City for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully,

John F. Wood, P.E.
City Engineer

Copy to: Southwest Georgia RDC

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS (examples)

SOLID WASTE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Mitchell County and the Cities of Camilla, Pelham, Sale City and Baconton Solid Waste Plan Ten-Year Update

Mitchell County and the Cities of Camilla, Pelham, Sale City and Baconton will hold a joint public hearing to inform the public about plans to update the Mitchell County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). This important public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the 28th of March at the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center Library in Camilla. The SWMP outlines plans for solid waste collection, disposal, education and waste reduction strategies designed to assist Georgia achieve a reduction in the per-capita generation of solid waste.

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit public input for the update to the SWMP. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information contact Shane Kelsey at the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center at 229-522-3552.



Where? The Southwest Georgia RDC Library

When? March 28, 5:30 p.m.

For more information call Shane Kelsey at the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center at 229-522-3552



Let's Talk Trash!

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RESOLUTIONS

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MITCHELL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

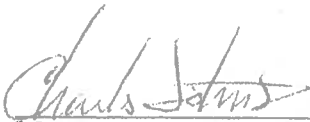
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WHEREAS, the update and adoption of this revised Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan will ensure that the County remains in compliance with state law and retains its eligibility for solid waste loans, grants and permits;

AND WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed this solid waste management plan and found the plan to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management;

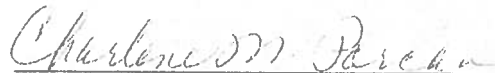
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Baconton, Georgia do hereby adopt the revised Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan for Mitchell County.

Adopted this 10 day of December, 2007.



Mayor
Charles Johnson
Baconton, Georgia

Attest:



City Clerk
Charlene Porcha

(seal)

X

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MITCHELL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

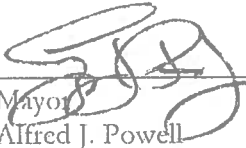
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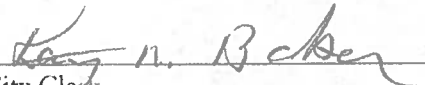
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Camilla, Georgia do hereby adopt the revised Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan for Mitchell County.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2007.



Mayor
Alfred J. Powell
Camilla, Georgia

Attest:



City Clerk
Kathy Baker

(seal)

X

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MITCHELL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**


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AND WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed this solid waste management plan and found the plan to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Pelham, Georgia do hereby adopt the revised Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan for Mitchell County.

Adopted this 17th day of December, 2007.



Mayor
Steven W. Turner
Pelham, Georgia

Attest:


City Clerk
Lisa Austin



✓

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MITCHELL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**


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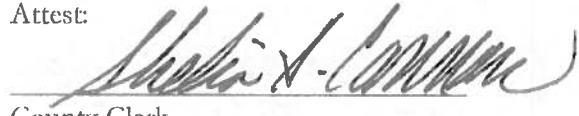
AND WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed this solid waste management plan and found the plan to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County, Georgia does hereby adopt the revised Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan for Mitchell County.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2007.


County Commission Chairman
Benjamin Hayward
Mitchell County, Georgia

Attest:


County Clerk
Shelia H. Cannon

(seal)

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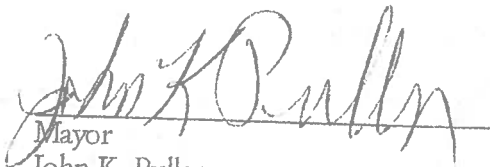
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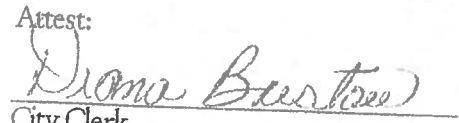
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AND WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed this solid waste management plan and found the plan to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Sale City, Georgia do hereby adopt the revised Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan for Mitchell County.

Adopted this 15 day of November, 2007.


Mayor
John K. Pullen
Sale City, Georgia

Attest:

City Clerk
Diana Bristow

(seal)

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A RESOLUTION
BY MITCHELL COUNTY
TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
REVIEW TO THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CENTER AND THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRIOR TO
ADOPTION

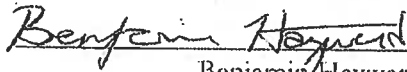
WHEREAS, the County Commission of Mitchell County, Georgia has found it necessary to update the Mitchell County Consolidated Solid Waste Plan to meet the requirements of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990;

WHEREAS, the update and the adoption of this new Solid Waste Management Plan will insure that the county remains in compliance with state law and retains its eligibility for solid waste loans, grants and permits;

WHEREAS, the county will use the new Solid Waste Management Plan to guide public expenditures and public programs relating to solid waste management;

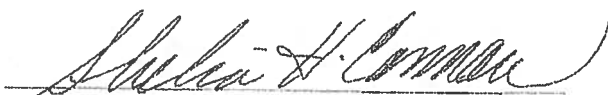
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Mitchell County, Georgia that the updated Solid Waste Management Plan shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 10th day of July, 2007



Benjamin Hayward, Commission Chairman

(seal)



Witness

**A RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY OF SALE CITY
TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
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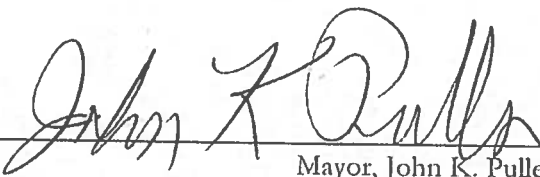
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Sale City, Georgia have found it necessary to update the Mitchell County Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan to meet the requirements of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sale City, Georgia that the updated Solid Waste Management Plan shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 20 day of July, 2007



Mayor, John K. Pullen

(seal)



Witness

A RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY OF CAMILLA
TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
REVIEW TO THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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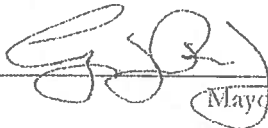
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Camilla, Georgia that the updated Solid Waste Management Plan shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 9th day of July, 2007



Mayor, Alfred J. Powell, Jr.

(seal)


Witness

A RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY OF BACONTON
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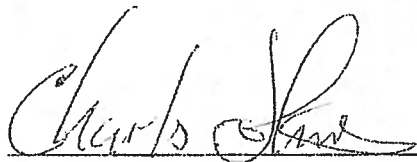
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Baconton, Georgia that the updated Solid Waste Management Plan shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 9th day of July, 2007



Mayor, Charles Johnson

(seal)



Witness

**A RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY OF PELHAM
TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
REVIEW TO THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CENTER AND THE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRIOR TO
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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Pelham, Georgia have found it necessary to update the Mitchell County Consolidated Solid Waste Management Plan to meet the requirements of the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990;

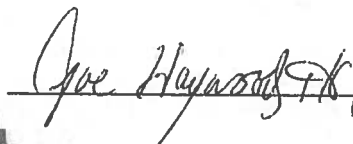
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pelham, Georgia that the updated Solid Waste Management Plan shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 16th day of July, 2007





Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Haywood III



Witness

City Clerk, Lisa Austin



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Mike Beatty
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

November 1, 2007

Mr. Dan Bollinger, Sr., Executive Director
Southwest Georgia RDC
P.O. Box 346
Camilla, Georgia 31710-0346

Dear Mr. Bollinger:

Our staff has reviewed the revised information for the 2007 – 2017 Solid Waste Management Plan for Mitchell County and the Cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, and Sale City. The revisions have brought the plan into compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. To maintain eligibility for solid waste permits, grants, and loans, Mitchell County and the Cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, and Sale City must adopt the 2007 – 2017 Solid Waste Management Plan as soon as possible.

In order to complete the planning cycle, please forward a copy of the adoption resolutions along with a copy of the revised adopted Solid Waste Management Plan to our office. Once we receive these documents, we will send notification to Mitchell County and the Cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, and Sale City of their renewed eligibility for solid waste grants, loans, and permits.

Sincerely,

Mike Gleanon, Assistant Commissioner
Planning and Environmental Division

MG/kev

Cc: Mr. Shane Kelsey, Southwest Georgia RDC



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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

January 8, 2008

Honorable John K. Pullen
Mayor, City of Sale City
PO Box 67
Sale City, GA 31784-0067


Dear Mayor Pullen:

We have received notification that Mitchell County, and the Cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, and Sale City have adopted the 2007 - 2017 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Mitchell County, and the Cities of Baconton, Camilla, Pelham, and Sale City remain eligible for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

As you have experienced, in addition to proper and thorough long-range planning, effective solid waste management requires the ability to adapt when circumstances indicate that such action is necessary. Through continued review, and revision when necessary, solid waste planning provides your local government with more control over its destiny and assists you in dealing more effectively with both short-term and long-term management decisions.

We commend you for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste management plan, please call Karen Vickers in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-3152.

Sincerely,


Mike Beatty
Commissioner

MB/kev

cc: Dan Bollinger, Sr., Executive Director, Southwest Georgia RDC
Shane Kelsey, Southwest Georgia RDC



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Mike Beatty
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Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

January 8, 2008

Honorable Steven W. Turner
Mayor, City of Pelham
128 West Railroad Street
Pelham, Georgia 31779

Dear Mayor Turner:

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Mike Beatty
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

January 8, 2008

Honorable Alfred J. Powell
Mayor, City of Camilla
P.O. Box 328
Camilla, Georgia 31730

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January 8, 2008

Honorable Charles Johnson
Mayor, City of Baconton
149 E. Walton Street
Baconton, Georgia 31716


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January 8, 2008

Honorable Benjamin Hayward
Chair, Mitchell County Commission
PO Box 187
Camilla, GA 31730

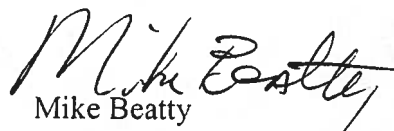
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